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The Honorable M. Raymond McGowan
Assignment Judge, Superior Court
Monmouth County
Monmouth County Courthouse
Freehold, New Jersey

Dear Judge McGowan:

On this date [REDACTED] of my office discussed with you a problem which confronts the Agency when certain of its employees are called for jury duty. He explained that the employees involved were those whom we put under cover of another employer. To all outward appearances these employees are employed by someone else and their true relationship with this Agency does not appear. In fact, they are prohibited by law from divulging their actual employment with this Agency.

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In the past when such employees were called for jury duty, my office has sought the advice and counsel of the jury judge in the jurisdiction concerned. In most of the various jurisdictions within the Washington Metropolitan Area, jury judges have informed us that they do not want people to serve as jurors who cannot divulge their true employment while under oath and a procedure has been worked out whereby my office would notify the judge when such an employee had been summoned and the employee would be excused from service as a juror.

Your discussions with [REDACTED] indicate that you feel such employees should not be excluded from jury duty. In effect, this would put them in a position where they would not be able to state

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the whole truth about their employment while under oath. We have been concerned about the position of our employees in this regard. Therefore, if your guidance to us is that these employees should serve under these circumstances, I would greatly appreciate, on behalf of these employees, if you would give me written acknowledgement of the arrangement.

I very much appreciate your consideration and guidance in this difficult area.

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Sincerely,



Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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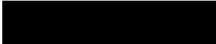
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